

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/657,604

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 16 July 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23 and 25-37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment of 16 July 2007 has been noted and made of record.
2. Claims 1-23 and 35-37 have been presented for examination.
3. Claim 24 has been cancelled as per Applicant's request.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments and amendments, see page 13, filed 16 July 2007, with respect to claims 1-36 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection of claims 1-36 has been withdrawn.
5. Applicant's arguments, see pages 13 and 14, filed 16 July 2007, with respect to claims 1-9, 23-25, 28, 29, and 31-34 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-9, 23-25, 28, 29, and 31-34 has been withdrawn.
6. Applicant's arguments, see pages 17-19, filed 16 July 2007, with respect to claim 37 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 37 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. As noted above, the Examiner agrees with the Applicant's arguments that the prior art does not teach a filter engine for determining whether an HTTP request requires a digital signature. Since the Examiner could not find any teachings in the prior art of a filter engine for determining whether an HTTP request requires a digital signature, claims 1-9, 23-25, 28, 29, and 31-34 are therefore novel and non-obvious.
8. As noted above, the Examiner agrees with the Applicant's arguments that the prior art does not teach a filter for determining whether an HTTP request requires a digital signature. Since the Examiner could not find any teachings in the prior art of a filter engine for determining

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whether an HTTP request requires a digital signature, claim 37 is therefore novel and non-obvious.

9. Claims 17-22, 26, 27, 30, 35 and 36 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, but were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Those rejections have since been overcome, and claims 17-22, 26, 27, 30, 35, and 36 are allowed.

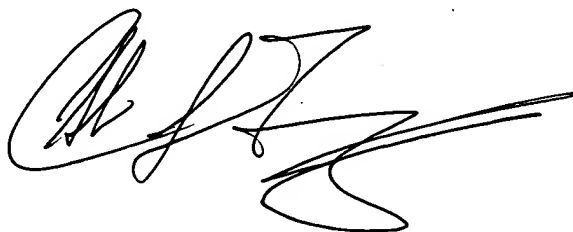
Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christian La Forgia whose telephone number is (571) 272-3792. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday 7-5.

11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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